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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A protector for a window well comprising:  
a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the first portion and the slits.
2. (Original) A protector for a window well comprising:  
a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;  
a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the hood to a foundation; and  
a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well.
3. (Original) A protector for a window well comprising:  
a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;  
a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the hood to a foundation and comprising a plurality of securing members; and  
a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well.

4. (Original) The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is a single piece.
5. (Original) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood, and flanges are a single piece.
6. (Original) The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is transparent.
7. (Original) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood is transparent.
8. (Original) The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood is transparent
9. (Original) The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is plastic.
10. (Original) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood and flanges are plastic.
11. (Original) The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood and flanges are plastic.
12. (Original) The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is constructed by injection molding.
13. (Original) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood is constructed by injection molding.
14. (Original) The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood is constructed by injection molding.
15. (Original) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the second outward rim flange

covers the entire window well.

16. (Original) The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the second outward rim flange covers the entire window well.
17. (Withdrawn) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the second outward rim flange comprises a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation.
18. (Withdrawn) The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the second outward rim flange comprises a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation.
19. (Withdrawn) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the first outward rim flange comprises a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation
20. (Withdrawn) The protector as described in claim 1 further comprising a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation.
21. (Withdrawn) A method for constructing a protector for a window well comprising:  
injecting a moldable material into a mold, the mold shaped to form a window well cover,  
wherein the window well cover further comprises:  
a hood in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;  
a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the

hood to a foundation;

a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well; and

removing the mold after the material has solidified.

22. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the material is plastic.

23. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the material is transparent.

24. (Original) A protector for a window well comprising:

a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood connected to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;

a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the hood to a foundation; and

a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well.

25. (Original) The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is a single piece.

26. (Original) The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood and flanges are a single piece.

27. (Original) The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood and flanges are a single piece.

28. (Original) The protector as described in claim 24 wherein the hood and flanges are a

single piece.

29. (Original) The protector as described in claim 21 wherein the hood and flanges are a single piece.
30. (Original) A protector for a window well comprising:  
a single-piece structure including a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the first portion and the slits.
31. (Original) A protector for a window well comprising:  
a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the first portion and the slits;  
a hinge coupled to the second portion.
32. (Original) The protector of claim 2, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward rim flange.
33. (Original) The protector of claim 3, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward rim flange.
34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, further comprising securing a hinge to the first outward rim flange.
35. (Original) The protector of claim 24, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward

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36. (Original) The protector of claim 30, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward rim flange.